

**Community Advisory Group Meeting Summary
City of San Antonio Annexation & Growth Policy Update
November 8, 2021, 1 p.m. Virtual Meeting**

Attendees

Al Arreola, South SA Chamber of Commerce	Leticia Pena Martinez, North SA Chamber of Commerce
Clint Eliason, CoSA – Planning	
Garrett Phillips, San Antonio River Authority	Matthew Prosser, Economic & Planning Systems (consultant)
Gretchen Roufs, Auxiliary Marketing Services (Consultant)	Valerie Ramirez, Joint Base San Antonio
Joshua Jaeschke, CoSA – Planning	Priscilla Rosales-Pina, CoSA – Planning (Project Manager)
Judith Canales, Southside First Economic Development Council	Rudy Nino, CoSA – Planning
	Susan Guinn, CoSA – City Attorney’s Office

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Priscilla Rosales-Piña provided a brief overview of the project’s purpose and an update on the engagement of other entities, as recommended in the previous meeting. As a result, Planning Staff reached out to representatives from VIA Metropolitan Transit, Medina County, CoSA’s Office of Historic Preservation and Parks and Recreation Department for the Working Group and added another representative from the Edwards Aquifer Authority to the Community Advisory Group. Priscilla and Matthew Prosser discussed growth management tools and strategies in the ETJ.

Growth Management Tools Discussion - Matt Prosser led discussion on the priority issues for each of the tools. Feedback from those present included:

- Planning – The group agreed with the City development of regional/ETJ land use plan and participation in military regional compatible use plans (CUPs), CUPs or similar plans.
 - Annexation - Members of the group recommended that the high-value or high priority issues should include areas that promote long-term economic stability and the protection of natural assets including water sources, creeks, and rivers. A group member recommended that development use Low Impact Development and Natural Channel Design Protocol (LID/NCDP) found in Chapter 35.210 of the City Code as a development design base to protect natural areas and mitigate the impact of runoff and water quality.
 - Military Protection Areas (MPAs) – When the 2016 annexation policy was developed, MPAs did not exist. The group agreed to adding policy guidance on future MPA elections and application of land development regulations to the remainder of MPAs.
 - Special Districts and Development Agreements – Priscilla explained that the conditions of the City’s consent are incorporated into the development agreements. These include the district’s powers, the owners’ consent to annexation, and provisions of Chapter 35 applicable to properties in the ETJ.
 - Interlocal Partnerships – The goal is to enhance and expand the strategies in working with other municipalities and public entities. The group member suggested considering regional growth as a strategy.
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Tasks

- Planning Staff will draft the preliminary policy document for the next meeting. At that time, the Group stakeholders will be able to review and provide input on the draft policy document.
- Staff will schedule the next Community Advisory Group in early spring of next year.
- Staff will also engage with focus/special interest groups on natural/environmental, historic/cultural, real estate and other special interests for policy input.